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For: INTEGRATED EXTENDABLE LOAD )  
FLOOR ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLES )

PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION: /

Please replace the pending paragraph [0004] on page 1 of the Specification with the following:

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Accordingly, the present invention is an integrated extendable load floor assembly for a vehicle having a rear end with a floor and sides extending upwardly and along the floor to form a cargo area and a decklid for closing an upper portion of the cargo area. The integrated extendable load floor assembly includes a plurality of rails adapted to be disposed upon the sides above the floor of the rear end. The integrated extendable load floor assembly also includes a load floor operatively cooperating with the rails for sliding movement therealong and to close a longitudinal end of the cargo area.